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SUBJECT: EXTERNAL RESEARCH - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE -
G. H. WITTMAN, INC.

1. DEPT. STATE RESEARCH COUNCIL HAS CLEARED FROM STAND-
POINT FOREIGN POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES DEPT. OF DEFENSE
RESEARCH CONTRACT WITH G. H. WITTMAN, INC. CONCERNING
INTERRELATIONSHIP OF JAPANESE, SOVIET, AND PRC FOREIGN
AND SECURITY POLICIES, SUBJECT TO POST CLEARANCE OF FOREIGN
TRAVEL. WITTMAN HOPES USE KOREA AS A CASE STUDY OF INTER-
ACTION BETWEEN JAPAN, PRC, AND USSR. OVERALL CLASSIFI-
CATION OF STUDY WILL BE SECRET.

2. ACTION: OASD/ ISA HAS INFORMED EA FIRM' S PRESIDENT,
MR. GEORGE WITTMAN, AND AN ASSOCIATE, MR. CARY AMINOFF,
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PLAN TO VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS BEGINNING WITH TOKYO IN MID-MAY. POSTS ARE REQUESTED INFORM DEPARTMENT WHETHER CONCUR WITH PLANNED VISITS AND WHETHER THEY IN POSITION ASSIST MESSRS. WITTMAN AND AMINOFF AS OUTLINED BELOW. FULL ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW RECEIPT OF REPLIES FROM POSTS.

3. FOR TOKYO: RESEARCHERS HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE, IF POSSIBLE, IN SECURING APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROXIMATELY AGREE TO SUCH A FORMULA OR ADMIT PUBLICLY, AT LEAST, THAT IT HAS SO AGREED. THE PUBLIC POSTURE MAY BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIVATE ONE AND WE CAN EXPECT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTUAL SALES TO BE GREETED HERE PUBLICLY WITH ACCUSATIONS AND CRITICISM; AND THIS MAY WELL INCLUDE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS WELL AS EDITORIALISTS, TIN PRODUCERS AND OTHERS. THE FACT IS THAT THE ISSUE IS SO SENSITIVE WITH BOLIVIANS THAT THEY MAY FEEL NECESSITY TO ATTACK US PUBLICLY EVEN WHILE ACQUIESCING PRIVATELY. UNDER GOVERNMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES TODAY, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE A SECURITY THREAT IN ANY WAY COMPARABLE TO WHAT IT SURELY WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER THE OVANDO OR TORRES GOVERNMENTS.

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